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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH BRIGADIER ADEKUNLE

AS REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENT, EMBASSY OFFICER MET WITH BRIGADIER BENJAMIN ADEKUNLE MAY 20 AT LONDON'S PORTMAN HOTEL. ADEKUNLE HAD NOTHING SPECIFIC TO SAY BUT WISHED TO EXPRESS HIS GENERAL CONCERN ABOUT THE COURSE OF EVENTS IN ANGOLA AND THE WEST'S APPARENT INACTION. HE PREDICTED THAT IN THE LONG RUN THE WEST WILL EMERGE ON TOP IN ANGOLA BUT LAMENTED THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS FAILED TO OFFER THE LUANDA GOVERNMENT AN ALTERNATIVE TO ITS PRESENT RELIANCE ON THE SOVIETS AND CUBANS. ADEKUNLE URGED THAT THE USG DISPATCH A HIGH-LEVEL EMISSARY TO LUANDA TO TALK TO NETO, AND HE VOLUNTEERED PERSONALLY TO CLEAR THE WAY FOR SUCH A MISSION. THE BRIGADIER DID NOT SEEM VERY WELL INFORMED ABOUT INTERNAL TENSIONS IN THE MPLA LEADERSHIP NOR ABOUT THE DEGREE OF EASTERN INFLUENCE IN VARIOUS ANGOLAN MINISTRIES. HE SEEMED UNDERSTANDING IF NOT CONVINCED WHEN EMBASSY OFFICER EXPLAINED US CONCERNS ABOUT THE COMPOSITION AND DIRECTION OF THE LUANDA GOVERN-MENT. ADEKUNLE DOES NOT PLAN TO VISIT THE US; THE MEETING WAS AMICABLE THROUGHOUT.

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